

- 105. Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
- 106. Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai.

State Open Universities

- 107. Nalanda Open University, Patna, Bihar.
- 108. Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka.
- 109. YCMOU, Nashik, Maharashtra.
- 110. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, A.P.
- 111. Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan.
- 112. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 113. U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad, U.P.
- 114. Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- 115. M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal, M.P.
- 116. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, T.N.
- 117. Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 118. Uttaranchal Open University, Haldwani, Uttaranchal.

Institute of National Importance

- 119. National Law School of India, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Reservation for OBC students

2920. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for OBC students in higher classes has already come in force;

(b) whether the OBC students intending to get admitted in regional colleges in different States of the North Eastern Region will enjoy reservation benefits in the same proportion as in other Central universities;

- (c) whether the decision will apply for all categories of courses; and
- (d) if so, since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) While the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 has come into force w.e.f. the 4th January, 2007, the Supreme Court of India has stayed the operation of the provision relating to reservation for the OBCs *vide* Interim Order dated the 29th March, 07. However, the case is listed for hearing on the 8th May, 07.

Status of Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Dravidian Language universities

2921. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government purpose to provide equal status for Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Dravidian language universities with the Central Universities;
- (b) whether Government have received any proposal from the Vice-Chancellors of the four language universities of South-India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereupon by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacancies in schools

†2922. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of posts of teachers are lying vacant in Government

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.